

# CBS Hit With Gender Discrimination Suit by '60 Minutes' Producer

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CBS was hit with a gender discrimination suit by an associate producer for "60 Minutes" who says she was retaliated against and stripped of her work duties for going to HR with concerns about her boss.

The suit says that Cassandra Vinograd received "an inappropriate and unsolicited photo" from "60 Minutes" senior producer Michael Gavshon. It says the veteran journalist, previously of NBC, the Associated Press and the Wall Street Journal, then emailed HR and legal at CBS to request an investigation into the text and what is described as "Gavshon's excessive alcohol use during work hours and while traveling for work."

According to Vinograd's suit, CBS told her the photo was a "mistake" and her claim of his excessive alcohol use was not corroborated.

Vinograd says in the suit that Gavahon has retaliated against her by stripping her of work responsibilities.

The suit was filed by Wigdor LLP. Jeanne M. Christensen, a partner at Wigdor LLP, said in a statement Tuesday, "We look forward to holding CBS accountable for its unlawful conduct as alleged in the complaint by our client Cassandra Vinograd. Contrary to CBS's claims that it is doing the right thing when female employees report gender-related misconduct, as alleged, it appears that no meaningful changes to the culture at CBS have been made. It appears that CBS continues to protect senior male talent at the expense of junior women — business as usual."

CBS did not immediately return a request for comment.